

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3394 – SB 3222

March 27, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015026): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to study the feasibility of establishing specialized veterans courts in Tennessee. Requires the AOC to consider ways and means for a veterans court to achieve certain enumerated goals and objectives and to consider certain substantive and procedural issues related to the creation and implementation of a veterans court. Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs and all other appropriate state agencies to assist the AOC, upon request. Requests assistance from all interested federal, local, and volunteer organizations when called upon by the AOC. Directs the AOC to submit an interim report no later than September 1, 2012, and to submit its final report, including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant/FY12-13
\$498,700/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years/Veteran Court Fund

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,325,000/FY12-13
Net \$1,826,300 /FY13-14 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant/FY12-13
\$501,300/FY13-14 and Subsequent Years/Veterans Court Fund

Increase Local Expenditures - \$2,325,000/FY12-13/Permissive
Net \$1,823,700 /FY13-14 and Subsequent Years

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), it will conduct the study regarding a veterans court within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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- All other departments or agencies participating in the study are serving on a volunteer basis and will receive no mileage, per diem, or other reimbursement.
- The AOC will not be responsible for expenses incurred by any other department or organization and will not be responsible for parking, food, or drinks for the attendees.
- The legislation will be drafted by the Office of Legal Services.
- Providing the interim report and the final report to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees will not have a significant fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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